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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)  
SUBJECT: SECURITY ADVANCE FOR ST. BART'S

1. USSS IS ANXIOUS TO DO A PRE-ADVANCE ON ST. BART'S. IN VIEW OF ITS REMOTENESS, ETC., THEY WANT TO START DETAILED PLANNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. USSS HEADQUARTERS IS VERY RELUCTANT TO SEND OUT AN ADVANCE AGENT, HOWEVER, MOSTLY (THEY SAY) BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE ANY POST- INAGURAL PLANNING, AND IT COULD CAUSE ADVERSE PUBLICITY AS WELL AS HOSTILITY TO THE LEGISLATION.

2. WHETHER OR NOT CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION WOULD ACTUALLY BE A PROBLEM, USSS PROBABLY OUGHT TO BE VERY CIRCUMSPECT AT THIS POINT. I SEE AS OPTIONS:

A. USSS COULD TRY TO FIND SOME OTHER PRETEXT FOR A TRIP TO ST. BART'S. NOT A GOOD IDEA. EVEN IF THERE WERE A CASE IN THE AREA THAT NEEDED INVESTIGATION, (THERE ARE FROM TIME TO TIME) THE AGENT WOULD STILL HAVE TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF ON ST. BART'S, AND THAT WOULD CERTAINLY COME OUT.

B. DO NOTHING UNTIL USSS IS OFFICIALLY GIVEN THE POST-DEPARTURE  
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PROTECTION JOB. ASIDE FROM SECURITY PLANNING, USSS MUST COMPETE WITH A LOT OF HUNGRY TOURISTS FOR SOME PRETTY MEAGER RESOURCES. THE MORE TIME, THE BETTER.

C. HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE DO THE PRE-ADVANCE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT USSS WILL REIMBURSE COSTS IF THEY END UP WITH THE DETAIL.

3. THE PRE-ADVANCE IS BASICALLY A FACT-FINDING OPERATION. USSS COULD QUICKLY PUT TOGETHER A CHECKLIST THAT WILL POSE ALL THE NECESSARY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESIDENCE, LOCAL SECURITY, HAZARDS, HOUSING FOR AGENTS, MEDICAL SERVICES, ETC. ACCORDING TO MAGAW, THE ADVANCE MAN (ONLY ONE IS NECESSARY) DOES NOT EVEN HAVE TO BE A SECURITY TYPE. HE JUST HAS TO STICK TO THE CHECKLIST AND BE VERY METICULOUS.

4. IF IT IS GOING TO TAKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS OR MORE TO GET THE LEGISLATION THROUGH, THE LAST OPTION LOOKS ATTRACTIVE. DAVID LEE IS CHECKING WITH HIS HEADQUARTERS TO CONFIRM THIS OPTION IS ACCEPTABLE

IN PRINCIPLE, BUT WILL DO NOTHING ELSE UNTIL HE HEARS FROM YOU OR ME. IF IT COMES TO THIS YOU MAY WANT TO USE SOMEONE FROM THE FAMILY -- WESLEY, ERIC, OR DAVID.

5. CHEERS. KISSINGER

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